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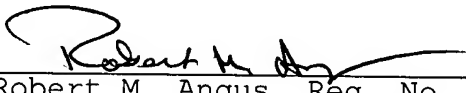
By the present amendment, claims 13 and 16 are amended and new claim 29 is added. Claims 1-12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 24-28 are unchanged. Original claims 19, 22 and 23 remain cancelled, although new claim 29 is based on former claim 23. Entry of the amendment is respectfully solicited. A Fee Calculation sheet and our check in the amount of \$51 (Small Entity Status established by the Transmittal letter filed March 12, 2002) is attached.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 are unchanged.

13. (Twice Amended) The filter according to claim 4, such that one or more acid functions ~~and at least a trivalent phosphorus atom~~are added to at least one molecule of the active ingredient.

Claims 14-15 are unchanged.

16. (Twice Amended) The filter according to claim 4, such that the ~~molecule of the active ingredient includes a sodium fluoride~~(NaF) halogen salt medium.

Claims 17-18 are unchanged.

Claim 19 is cancelled.

Claims 20-21 are unchanged.

Claims 22-23 are cancelled.

Claims 24-28 are unchanged.

Claim 29 is new.